

March 27, 2006; Agenda Item No. 14

Resolution No. 06-23

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF FUNDS TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOR PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SEGMENT OF THE BACKBONE TRAIL BETWEEN ETZ MELOY MOTORWAY AND ENCINAL CANYON ROAD, SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 40, the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 50, the Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects. Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection Act to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants to acquire and protect coastal wetlands and watersheds; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has entered into a joint powers agreement with the Conejo and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park Districts pursuant to Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.* to create the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA); and

WHEREAS, Completion of the Backbone Trail in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is an interagency high priority for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the National Park Service, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated March 27, 2006 describes the proposed two-mile segment Backbone Trail construction project on National Park Service land; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan.
2. ADOPTS the staff report dated March 27, 2006 for this item.
3. AUTHORIZES a grant, contract or interagency agreement not to exceed \$125,000 of Proposition 40 and/or Proposition 50 funds to the National Park Service or

its designee, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, for the Backbone Trail construction project.

4. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 27th day of March, 2006 at Pacific Palisades, California.

Dated:

Executive Director